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AMENDMENT A

SIR:

The following Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (amended) In a forming material where a granulated material coated with a moisture-curable urethane prepolymer is tightly sealed with a water-permeable material having smaller openings than the size of the granulated material; the improvement comprising, a moisture-curable forming material which is characterized in that the moisture-curable urethane